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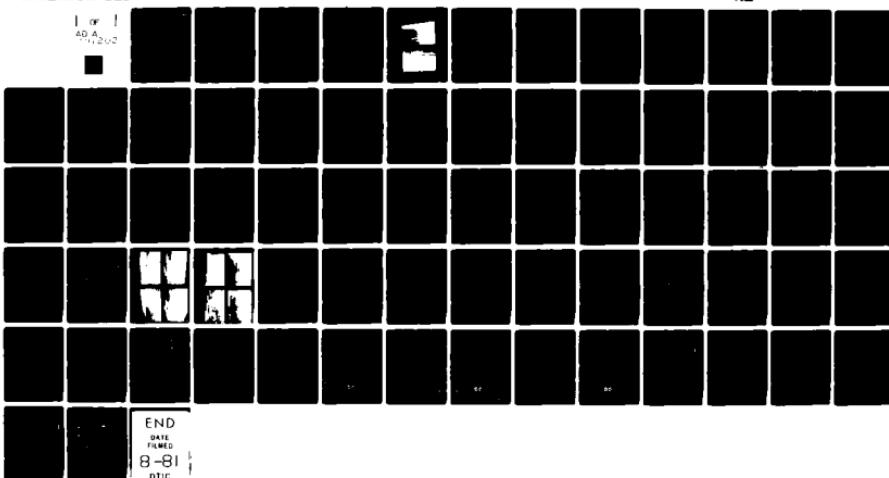
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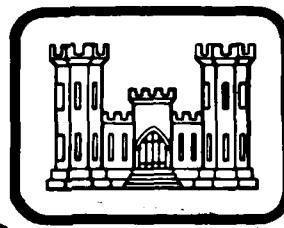
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## PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Department of the Army, Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314.

The purpose of a Phase I investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon visual observations and review of available data. Detailed investigations and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, material testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I investigation; however, the inspection is intended to identify any need for such studies which should be performed by the owner.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of the dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external factors which are evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through frequent inspections can unsafe conditions be detected and only through continued care and maintenance can these conditions be prevented or corrected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the spillway design flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. The spillway design flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aid in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

The assessment of the conditions and recommendations was made by the consulting engineer in accordance with generally and currently accepted engineering principles and practices.

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NAME OF DAM: Lake Sophia Dam  
STATE LOCATED: Pennsylvania  
COUNTY LOCATED: Susquehanna  
STREAM: Unnamed Creek, tributary of Choconut Creek  
SIZE CLASSIFICATION: Small  
HAZARD CLASSIFICATION: High  
OWNER: Mrs. Sophia Turoski  
DATE OF INSPECTION: March 23, 1981 and April 30, 1981

ASSESSMENT: Based on the evaluation of existing conditions, the condition of Lake Sophia Dam is considered to be unsafe/nonemergency due to seriously inadequate spillway capacity.

Swampy areas were observed below the junction of the embankment and the abutments along both abutments. A seepage condition with precipitate was found to be associated with the swampy area along the right abutment toe. The outlet works discharge channel is blocked by debris. A beaver dam below the dam forms a pond that submerges the toe of the dam. Consequently, a portion of the downstream toe could not be adequately inspected for signs of seepage and concerns exist as to the effect of these conditions on the continued stability of the dam. Therefore, further investigation of the condition of the dam by a professional engineer and implementation of necessary remedial measures is recommended.

The spillway capacity was evaluated according to recommended criteria and found to be seriously inadequate. According to the recommended criteria, small dams in the high hazard category are required to pass from one-half to full Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). In view of the size and downstream damage potential, one-half PMF was selected as the spillway design flood. The flood discharge capacity was evaluated according to the recommended procedure and was found to pass approximately 15 percent of the PMF without overtopping the dam. Results of the breach analysis indicate that downstream damage would be significantly increased due to a dam failure. As a result, the flood discharge capacity of the spillway is classified to be seriously inadequate.

The following recommendations should be implemented immediately or on a continuing basis.

1. The owner should immediately retain a professional engineer to conduct additional studies to more accurately ascertain the spillway capacity and the nature and extent of improvements required to provide adequate spillway capacity. In the interim, the spillway weir should be immediately removed and the crest of the dam should be filled to the design level.

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2. In conjunction with the above work, investigations should be undertaken to prepare and execute plans for controlling seepage along the downstream toe and for evaluating the structural integrity of the embankment in view of observed conditions.
3. The owner should confirm the operational condition of the outlet works and perform necessary maintenance, if found inoperative.
4. Around-the-clock surveillance should be provided during unusually heavy runoff and a formal warning system should be developed to alert the downstream residents in the event of an emergency.
5. The owner should develop a formal operating and maintenance plan for the dam, inspect the dam regularly and perform necessary maintenance.



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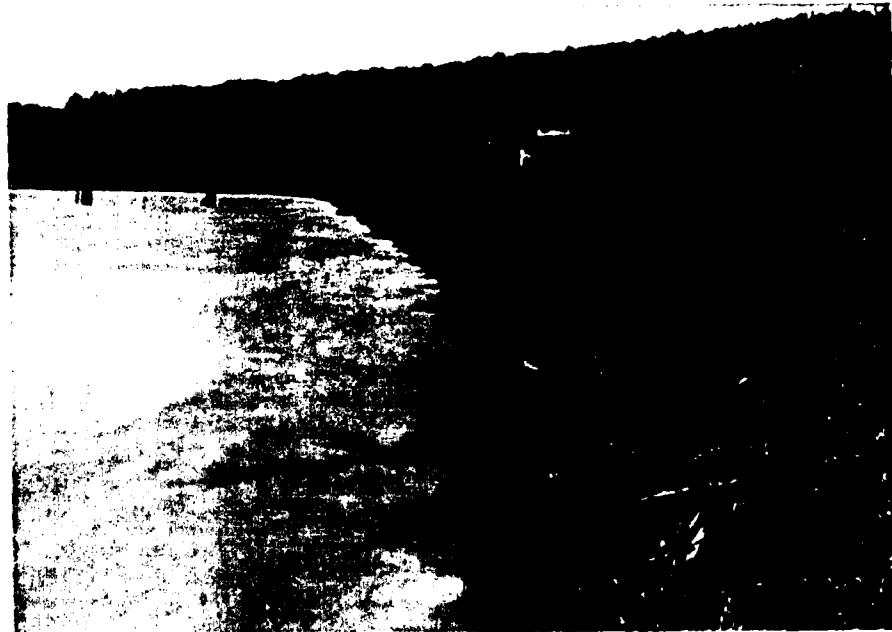
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Upstream Face



Downstream Face

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SECTION 1  
PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 General

a. Authority. The inspection was performed pursuant to the authority granted by The National Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367, to the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to conduct inspections of dams throughout the United States.

b. Purpose. The purpose of this inspection is to determine if the dam constitutes a hazard to human life or property.

1.2 Description of Project

a. Dam and Appurtenances. Lake Sophia Dam consists of an earth embankment approximately 340 feet long with a maximum height of 29 feet from the downstream toe and a crest width of 9 feet. The upstream side of the dam is protected by a small amount of riprap and the downstream face is covered with grass. The flood discharge facilities for the dam consist of a concrete open-channel spillway located near the left abutment. The spillway is a 35-foot-wide concrete rectangular channel. A one-foot-high concrete sill across the base of the spillway channel is the overflow section of the spillway. The overflow section is equipped with a 12-inch-high steel plate weir. The spillway overflow section discharges into a concrete channel and then to the plunge pool at the toe of the dam, which in turn discharges into an earth channel. The outlet facilities consist of a 12-inch-diameter corrugated metal pipe extending through the embankment along the original streambed. The flow through the outlet pipe is controlled by a sluice at the upstream end and is operated by a valve stem supported by a concrete pier extending above lake level. This outlet facility constitutes the emergency drawdown system for the reservoir.

b. Location. Lake Sophia Dam is located on an unnamed creek, a tributary of Choconut Creek in the northwestern part of Silver Lake Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania (N41° 58.3', W75° 58.7'). Plate 1 illustrates the location of the dam.

c. Size Classification. Small (based on 29-foot height and 164 acre-feet storage capacity).

d. Hazard Classification. The dam is classified to be in the high hazard category. Below the dam, the unnamed creek flows about

1.4 miles to Route 267 at the Village of Choconut where the stream joins the Choconut Creek. There are three houses, one store, and one mobile home near its confluence with Choconut Creek. In the event of a dam failure, it is estimated there would be extensive economic damage in this reach and the loss of more than a few lives is considered possible.

e. Ownership. Mrs. Sophia Turoski, R.D. #1, Box 92, Brackney, Pennsylvania 18812.

f. Purpose of Dam. Recreation.

g. Design and Construction History. The dam was designed by Scandale and Associates Consulting Engineers of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Construction of the dam was completed in 1957.

h. Normal Operating Procedure. The reservoir is normally maintained at the spillway flashboard crest level (Elevation 1402, USGS Datum), leaving 2.8 feet of freeboard to the top of the dam at Elevation 1404.8. All inflow occurring when the reservoir level is at the spillway crest elevation or above is discharged over the uncontrolled spillway.

1.3 Pertinent Data. Elevations referred to in this and subsequent sections of the report were calculated based on field measurements, assuming the flashboard crest of the spillway to be at Elevation 1402 (USGS Datum), which is the elevation shown as the normal pool elevation on the USGS 7.5-minute Laurel Lake PA-NY quadrangle. Elevations shown in design drawings do not appear to be relative to USGS Datum. In the design drawings, the normal pool level is shown to be at Elevation 1467.2.

a. <u>Drainage Area</u>	1.47 square miles <sup>(1)</sup>
b. <u>Discharge at Dam Site (cfs)</u>	
Maximum known flood at dam site	Unknown
Outlet conduit at maximum pool	Unknown
Gated spillway capacity at maximum pool	Not applicable
Ungated spillway capacity at maximum pool	540
Total spillway capacity at maximum pool	540
c. <u>Elevation (USGS Datum) (feet)</u>	
Top of dam	1404.8 (low spot)
	1406.0 (as designed)
Maximum pool	1404.8
Normal pool (with flashboard)	1402.0
Spillway crest (without flashboard)	1401.0
Upstream invert outlet works	Unknown

(1) Drainage area planimetered from USGS topographic map is 1.4 square miles. State records indicate the drainage area to be 1.47 square miles.

Downstream invert outlet works	1375+(2)
Maximum tailwater	Unknown
Toe of dam	1376+
<b>d. Reservoir Length (feet)</b>	
Normal pool level	800+
Maximum pool level	1100+
<b>e. Storage (acre-feet)</b>	
Normal pool level (with flashboard)	120
Maximum pool level (measured low point)	164
<b>f. Reservoir Surface (acres)</b>	
Normal pool level (with flashboard)	13.8(3)
Maximum pool level (measured low point)	19.1
<b>g. Dam</b>	
Type	Earth embankment
Length	340 feet
Height	29 feet
Top width	9 feet
Side slopes	Downstream: 2.5H:1V (as designed), 2.0H:1V (as measured); Upstream: Not determinable
Zoning	Yes
Impervious core	Yes
Cutoff	Yes
Grout curtain	No
<b>h. Regulating Outlet</b>	
Type	12-inch-diameter corrugated metal pipe
Length	130+ feet (measured from design drawings)
Closure	12-inch gate valve
Access	By boat
Regulating facilities	Upstream valve

(2) Downstream end of the pipe could not be located. Elevation is estimated.

(3) Planimetered from USGS topographic map. Design drawing indicates the lake area at EL. 1401 to be 6.5 acres (without flashboard) or 10.0 acres at top of dam El. 1406.

i. Spillway

Type	Concrete overflow with steel plate flashboard.
Length	35 feet (perpendi- cular to flow)
Crest elevation (flashboard)	1402.0
Upstream channel	Lake
Downstream channel	Concrete channel, plunge pool and then earth channel.

SECTION 2  
DESIGN DATA

2.1 Design

a. Data Available. The available data consist of files provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Resources (PennDER), which contain design drawings, correspondence and inspection reports.

(1) Hydrology and Hydraulics. Review of the information in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania files showed that there are no original hydrology and hydraulic design data available for the dam. However, a state inspection report entitled "Report Upon the Application of Frank Turoski," dated August 26, 1957, contains the criteria used to size the spillway.

(2) Embankment. The available information consists of design drawings.

(3) Appurtenant Structures. The available information consists of design drawings.

b. Design Features

(1) Embankment. As designed, the dam is a homogeneous fill with an impervious core along the center line of the embankment, extending for the full length of the earth embankment. The core starts one foot below the crest of the dam and extends into the foundation through a seven-foot-deep cutoff trench. Plates 2 and 3 show the plan and typical cross section of the dam. The core is four feet wide on the top and ten feet wide at the original ground, below which a cutoff trench ten feet wide and seven feet deep was excavated. The specifications required that the core material consist of hardpan thoroughly mixed and compacted. Fill material was to be placed in horizontal layers eight inches in depth, each layer thoroughly incorporated with the material already in place. No internal drainage system was incorporated in the embankment design.

The embankment was designed to have a 2.5:1 (horizontal to vertical) slope on both upstream and downstream faces and a crest width of nine feet. The upstream face of the dam was to be covered with 12-inch hand-placed dry stone riprap not less than 12 inches deep.

(2) Appurtenant Structures. The appurtenant structures consist of a concrete open channel spillway located on the left abutment and the outlet works located near the center of the embankment. Details of the spillway are shown in Plates 2, 3 and 4. As designed, the spillway is a rectangular channel, 35 feet wide and five feet deep, at the control section. A concrete sill across the base of the channel constitutes the overflow section. The overflow section is equipped with a 12-inch-high steel plate flashboard.

The spillway discharge channel also is a rectangular concrete channel which terminates at a plunge pool 45 feet downstream from the overflow section. In the foundation of the spillway, a one-foot-thick, five-foot-deep cutoff wall extending to impervious material was provided to control seepage.

The outlet works consist of a 12-inch-diameter corrugated metal pipe encased in concrete. The upstream end of the pipe is attached to a concrete pier which supports a sluice gate. Details of the outlet works are shown on Plate 3.

c. Design Data

(1) Hydrology and Hydraulics. A Commonwealth of Pennsylvania report entitled "Report Upon the Application of Frank Turoski," dated August 26, 1957, indicates that the spillway was sized to pass a discharge of 1377 cfs with the water level two inches below the top of the dam and 1467 cfs with the water level at the top.

(2) Embankment. No engineering data are available on the design of the embankment.

(3) Appurtenant Structures. No engineering data are available on the appurtenant structures.

2.2 Construction. Available information indicated that construction of the dam was completed in 1957. To the extent that can be determined at this time, the dam appears to be higher than indicated in the design drawing. The design drawing shows the height of the dam to be 24 feet measured from the dam crest to the downstream invert of the outlet works. Field measurement indicates the height of the dam to be approximately 29 feet. Further, the slopes of the dam were designed to be 2.5H:1V, but field measurements indicate a downstream slope of 2H:1V.

2.3 Operation. There are no formal operating records maintained for the dam.

2.4 Other Investigations. The available information indicated no investigations other than the periodic inspections conducted by the state. The last state inspection was conducted in October 1964.

2.5 Evaluation

a. Availability. The available information was provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Resources.

b. Adequacy

(1) Hydrology and Hydraulics. The available information is limited. Only the watershed area reservoir volume and design discharge capacity of the spillway are reported.

(2) Embankment. Other than design drawings, no other data is available to assess the adequacy of the embankment design. No reference was found to indicate whether the design included slope stability and seepage analyses. However, the design does incorporate such basic components as an impervious cutoff trench and riprap protection of the upstream slope of the dam.

(3) Appurtenant Structures. Review of the design drawings indicate no significant deficiencies that would affect the structural performance of the appurtenant structure.

SECTION 3  
VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 Findings

a. General. The onsite inspection of Lake Sophia Dam consisted of:

1. Visual inspection of the embankment, abutments, and embankment toe.
2. Visual examination of the spillway and its components.
3. Evaluation of downstream area hazard potential.

The specific observations are illustrated in Plate 5.

b. Embankment. The general inspection of the embankment consisted of searching for indications of structural distress, such as cracks, subsidence, bulging, wet areas, seeps and boils, and observing general maintenance conditions, vegetative cover, erosion, and other surficial features.

In general, the condition of the embankment is considered to be fair. No major signs of distress such as slumps or cracks were found. However, extensive swampy areas were observed below the junction of the embankment with the abutments, which raised concern as to the effect of this apparent underseepage on the continued stability of the dam. A seepage in the amount of 10 to 20 gallons per minute was found to be associated with the swampy area on the right abutment. Precipitate was observed in the right abutment seepage. No measurable seepage was observed in the left abutment swampy area. Further, a portion of the toe of the dam was submerged by a pond formed by debris and a beaver dam blocking the outlet pipe discharge channel. This condition precluded inspection of the vicinity of the downstream end of the outlet pipe for possible seepage. Some shoreline erosion was observed along the upstream slope. Riprap on the upstream slope has partially dislocated and is not effective for controlling erosion, due to wave action.

The top of the dam was surveyed relative to the spillway crest elevation and the center of the dam was found to have apparently settled. While the design freeboard for the dam was 4 feet, the field survey indicated a freeboard of 2.8 feet between the low spot near the right embankment and the normal pool level.

c. Appurtenant Structures. The appurtenant structures were examined for deterioration or other signs of distress and obstructions that would limit flow. In general, the structures were found to be in fair condition. Steel I-beams were placed across the top of the spillway discharge channel, apparently to prevent tilting of the side walls of

the channel. Some structural cracks were observed in the side walls of the spillway discharge channel. Riprap in the spillway plunge pool was found to be in poor condition. It appears that the spillway discharge channel below the concrete section was not constructed in accordance with the design drawings which included a riprap channel extending to the original streambed. The operational condition of the outlet works could not be observed. The downstream end of the outlet pipe was submerged in ponded water and could not be inspected.

d. Reservoir Area. A map review indicates that the watershed is predominantly wood and pasturelands. A review of the regional geology is included in Appendix F.

e. Downstream Channel. The downstream channel flows approximately 1.4 miles to a highway bridge of Route 267 at the Village of Choconut. Further description of the downstream conditions is included in Section 1.2 d.

3.2 Evaluation. The condition of Lake Sophia Dam is considered to be fair. Although no major signs of distress were noted, in view of the seepage condition and apparent settlement of the embankment, further detailed evaluation of the condition of the dam by a professional engineer is recommended. Plans should be prepared to control the seepage conditions. In conjunction with this work, necessary work should be performed to restore the outlet facilities.

SECTION 4  
OPERATIONAL FEATURES

4.1 Procedure. There are no formal operating procedures for the dam. The reservoir is normally maintained at the top of the spillway flashboards with excess inflow discharging over the uncontrolled spillway.

4.2 Maintenance of the Dam. The maintenance condition of the dam is considered to be good. It appears that grass on the crest and downstream face is periodically mowed.

4.3 Maintenance of Operating Facilities. The only operating facility for the dam is the outlet pipe valve. The pier supporting the controls was unaccessible. Operation of the gate was not observed.

4.4 Warning System. No formal warning system exists for the dam. Telephone communication facilities are available via residences at the dam site.

4.5 Evaluation. Although the maintenance condition of the embankment is considered to be good, the operating facilities are considered to be in poor condition. Evaluation of the operational condition of the outlet facilities are required.

SECTION 5  
HYDRAULICS AND HYDROLOGY

5.1 Evaluation of Features

a. Design Data. Lake Sophia Dam has a watershed area of 1.47 square miles and impounds a reservoir with a surface area of 13.8 acres at normal pool level. Flow discharge facilities for the dam consist of a 35-foot-wide overflow spillway equipped with a 12-inch-high weir. Based on the available head relative to the low spot on the left embankment, the capacity of the spillway is estimated to be 540 cfs with no freeboard.

b. Experience Data. As previously stated, Lake Sophia Dam is classified as a small dam in the high hazard category. Under the recommended criteria for evaluating emergency spillway discharge capacity such impoundments are required to pass flows from one-half to full PMF. In view of the size and evaluation of the downstream damage potential, one-half PMF was selected as the spillway design flood.

The PMF inflow hydrograph for the reservoir was determined utilizing the Dam Safety Version of the HEC-1 computer program developed by the Hydrologic Engineering Center of the U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers. The data used for the computer analysis are presented in Appendix D. As determined by the computer program, the one-half and full PMF inflow hydrograph has a peak of 1956 cfs and 3911 cfs, respectively. Computer input and a summary of computer output are also included in Appendix D.

c. Visual Observations. On the dates of the inspections, no conditions were observed that would indicate that the spillway capacity would be significantly reduced in the event of a flood. It appears that the steel weir across the spillway might not fail under full spillway flow.

d. Overtopping Potential. Various percentages of the PMF inflow were routed through the reservoir and it was found that the dam can pass 15 percent of the PMF without overtopping the dam. For 50 percent of the PMF, it was found that the low area on the embankment would be overtopped for a duration of 5.25 hours with a maximum depth of 1.3 feet. It is estimated that overtopping of the dam by approximately 0.5 foot would initiate breaching of the dam. A further analysis indicates that if the steel weir is removed and the crest of the dam filled to design level, the dam would pass approximately 40 percent of the PMF.

e. Spillway Adequacy. Since the dam cannot pass the recommended design flood of one-half the PMF without overtopping the dam, the flood discharge capacity is classified to be inadequate. A breach analysis was conducted to analyze whether failure resulting from overtopping would significantly increase the potential for loss of life or damage over that which would exist just before overtopping failure. For breach analyses,

a trapezoidal breach was assumed with a 200-foot bottom width, 2H:1V side slopes, and a depth of 26 feet. The duration of failure was taken as 0.75 hour, and it was assumed that the breaching would initiate when the dam is overtopped by 0.5 foot. It was found that the dam would be overtopped by 0.5 foot during the passage of 25 percent of the PMF. The computer outputs for the breach analysis are included in Appendix D.

Review of the flood stages in the Village of Choconut resulting from failure of Lake Sophia Dam indicates that while the discharge from the dam before failure (920 cfs, 25 percent of the PMF) would be essentially within the banks of the stream, after failure the discharge from the dam would increase to about 5326 cfs, overtopping the stream banks by about 2.9 feet. This increase is considered to pose a significant increase in downstream damage potential. Therefore, the flood discharge capacity of Lake Sophia Dam is considered to be seriously inadequate.

## SECTION 6 STRUCTURAL STABILITY

### 6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

#### a. Visual Observations

(1) Embankment. As discussed in Section 3, in view of the observed swampy and seepage conditions along the downstream toe of the dam and the fact that the embankment design does not include an internal drainage system for controlling the effects of seepage, a concern exists as to the effect of the observed conditions on the continued stability of the dam. Although at this time, no signs of major distress such as cracks, bulging and slumps were observed, detailed evaluation of the seepage conditions by a professional engineer is considered advisable. The dam appears to have settled. This condition should also be evaluated in conjunction with the above recommended work.

(2) Appurtenant Structures. Although some structural cracking was observed on the side walls of the spillway discharge channel, the overall structural condition is considered to be satisfactory. No portions of the outlet facilities were visible to assess their structural conditions.

#### b. Design and Construction Data

(1) Embankment. The available design and construction information does not provide any quantitative data to aid in the assessment of stability. However, as previously noted, concerns exist as to the continued stability of the dam in view of the observed seepage and swampy conditions. Further detailed investigation of the stability of the dam is considered to be required.

(2) Appurtenant Structures. Other than design drawings, no design and construction data exists for the appurtenant structures. Review of these drawings indicated no apparent structural deficiencies that would significantly affect the performance of the appurtenant structures.

#### c. Operating Records. None available.

d. Postconstruction Changes. It appears that the spillway flashboards were installed after the completion of the dam.

e. Seismic Stability. The dam is located in Seismic Zone 1; and based on visual observations, the static stability of the dam is considered to be questionable. Therefore, seismic stability of the dam should also be evaluated in conjunction with further investigation of the dam.

SECTION 7  
ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED REMEDIAL MEASURES

**7.1 Dam Assessment**

a. Assessment. In view of the seriously inadequate spillway capacity, the condition of Lake Sophia Dam is classified to be unsafe/nonemergency. The condition of the embankment is considered to be fair. Seepage and swampy conditions were observed below the toe of the dam, raising concern relative to the continued stability of the dam. Further detailed investigation of the dam by a professional engineer is recommended.

The spillway was evaluated according to the recommended procedure and was found to pass 15 percent of the PMF without overtopping the dam. This capacity is less than the spillway design flood of one-half PMF. Results of the breach analysis indicate that downstream damage would be significantly increased due to a dam failure and, as a result, the spillway is classified as seriously inadequate.

b. Adequacy of Information. The available information, in conjunction with visual observations, is considered to be sufficient to make a Phase I evaluation.

c. Urgency. The following recommendations should be implemented as soon as possible or on a continuing basis.

d. Necessity for Additional Investigations. In view of the seriously inadequate spillway capacity, the owner should retain a professional engineer to determine the nature and extent of improvements required to provide an adequate spillway and to prepare and execute plans for controlling the seepage conditions and evaluating the stability of the dam.

**7.2 Recommendations/Remedial Measures.** It is recommended that:

1. The owner should immediately retain a professional engineer to conduct additional studies to more accurately ascertain the spillway capacity and the nature and extent of improvements required to provide adequate spillway capacity. In the interim, the spillway weir should be immediately removed and the crest of the dam should be filled to the design level.
2. In conjunction with the above work, investigations should be undertaken to prepare and execute plans for controlling seepage along the downstream toe and for evaluating the structural integrity of the embankment in view of observed conditions.

3. The owner should confirm the operational condition of the outlet works and perform necessary maintenance, if found inoperative.
4. Around-the-clock surveillance should be provided during unusually heavy runoff and a formal warning system should be developed to alert the downstream residents in the event of an emergency.
5. The owner should develop a formal operating and maintenance plan for the dam, inspect the dam regularly and perform necessary maintenance.

**APPENDIX A**  
**CHECKLIST**  
**VISUAL INSPECTION**  
**PHASE I**

APPENDIX A  
CHECKLIST  
VISUAL INSPECTION  
PHASE I

NAME OF DAM	Lake Sophia	COUNTY	Susquehanna	STATE	Pennsylvania	ID#	PA-0078
TYPE OF DAM	Earth			HAZARD CATEGORY	High	NDI#	DER: 058-126
DATE(S) INSPECTION	March 23, 1981	WEATHER	Cloudy	TEMPERATURE	40		

POOL ELEVATION AT TIME OF INSPECTION 1402 M.S.L. TAILWATER AT TIME OF INSPECTION 1376<sup>±</sup> M.S.L.  
(Top of Flashboard)

INSPECTION PERSONNEL:

REVIEW INSPECTION PERSONNEL:  
(April 30, 1981)

Arthur Smith	Lawrence D. Andersen
Wah-Tak Chan	James H. Poellot
Bilgin Ereli	Bilgin Ereli

Owner's Representative:

None

Bilgin Ereli RECORDER

VISUAL INSPECTION  
PHASE I  
EMBANKMENT

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
SURFACE CRACKS	None observed.	
UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OR CRACKING AT OR BEYOND THE TOE	None observed.	
SLOUGHING OR FROSTON OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT SLOPES	None observed.	
VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT OF THE CREST	See Plate 6 for dam crest profile.	No significant horizontal misalignment observed.
RIPRAP FAILURES	Existing riprap is not effective against wave action.	Adequate shoreline erosion protection (e.g., riprap) should be provided along the upstream slope of the dam.

VISUAL INSPECTION PHASE 1		REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	
JUNCTION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT, SPILLWAY AND DAM	No problem observed.	
ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE	Swampy areas below the toe of the dam along both abutments. See Plate 5 for location.	Further investigation of this condition is recommended.
STAFF GAGE AND RECORDER	None	
DRAINS	None observed.	

VISUAL INSPECTION		REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	PHASE I EMBANKMENT	
JUNCTION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT, SPILLWAY AND DAM	No problem observed.	
ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE	Swampy areas below the toe of the dam along both abutments. See Plate 5 for location.	Further investigation of this condition is recommended.
STAFF GAGE AND RECORDER	None	
DRAINS	None observed.	

VISUAL INSPECTION  
PHASE I  
OUTLET WORKS

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CRACKING AND SPALLING OF CONCRETE SURFACES IN OUTLET CONDUIT	Downstream end of the outlet pipe is submerged. Not visible.	
INTAKE STRUCTURE	Submerged. Not visible.	
OUTLET STRUCTURE	None	
OUTLET CHANNEL	Earth channel. Channel is blocked by debris and a beaver dam, ponding water in the channel.	The pond in the outlet channel should be drained.
EMERGENCY GATE	Upstream end sluice gate. Operating equipment accessible by boat only. Operation of the gate not observed.	Operational condition of the outlet pipe gate should be confirmed by the owner.

VISUAL INSPECTION  
PHASE I  
UNGATED SPILLWAY

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCRETE WEIR	Concrete overflow section equipped with a 12-inch steel plate flashboard.	The flashboard should be removed.
APPROACH CHANNEL	Lake. No problems observed.	
DISCHARGE CHANNEL	Rectangular concrete channel in fair condition.	
BRIDGE AND PIERS	None	

VISUAL INSPECTION PHASE I GATED SPILLWAY		REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	
CONCRETE SILL	The dam has no gated spillway.	
APPROACH CHANNEL	None	
DISCHARGE CHANNEL	None	
BRIDGE PIERS	None	
GATES AND OPERATION EQUIPMENT	None	

VISUAL INSPECTION  
PHASE I  
INSTRUMENTATION

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
MONUMENTATION/SURVEYS	None	
OBSERVATION WELLS	None	
WEIRS	None	
PIEZOMETERS	None	
OTHER	None	

**VISUAL INSPECTION**  
**PHASE I**  
**RESERVOIR**

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS				
SLOPES	No problems observed.					
SEDIMENTATION	Unknown					
UPSTREAM RESERVOIRS	None					

VISUAL INSPECTION  
PHASE I  
DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF CONDITION (OBSTRUCTIONS, DEBRIS, ETC.)	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
	No problems observed.	
SLOPES	No problems observed.	
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF HOMES AND POPULATION	Village of Choconut is about 1.4 miles downstream from the dam. Population: 10 to 20.	

**APPENDIX B**  
**CHECKLIST**  
**ENGINEERING DATA**  
**DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION**  
**AND HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC**  
**PHASE I**

## APPENDIX B

## CHECKLIST

ENGINEERING DATA  
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION  
PHASE I

NAME OF DAM Lake Sophia

ID# NDI: PA-0078  
DER: 058-126

ITEM	REMARKS
AS-BUILT DRAWINGS	Three design drawings are available in state files.
REGIONAL VICINITY MAP	See Plate 1.
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY	Construction was completed in November 1957. The dam was designed by V. S. Scandale and N. C. Scandale, professional engineers.
TYPICAL SECTIONS OF DAM	See Plate 3.
OUTLETS - PLAN - DETAILS - CONSTRAINTS - DISCHARGE RATINGS	See Plates 2, 3 and 4.

**CHECKLIST**  
**ENGINEERING DATA**  
**DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION**  
**PHASE I**

ITEM	REMARKS
RAINFALL/RESERVOIR RECORDS	None
DESIGN REPORTS	None
GEOLOGY REPORTS	None
DESIGN COMPUTATIONS HYDROLOGY & HYDRAULICS DAM STABILITY SEEPAGE STUDIES	Limited hydrology and hydraulics calculations are available in state files.
MATERIALS INVESTIGATIONS BORING RECORDS LABORATORY FIELD	None reported

CHECKLIST  
ENGINEERING DATA  
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION  
PHASE I

ITEM	REMARKS
POST CONSTRUCTION SURVEYS OF DAM	None
BORROW SOURCES	Unknown
MONITORING SYSTEMS	None
MODIFICATIONS	None
HIGH POOL RECORDS	Unknown

**CHECKLIST**  
**ENGINEERING DATA**  
**DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION**  
**PHASE I**

ITEM	REMARKS
POST CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING STUDIES AND REPORTS	None reported.
PRIOR ACCIDENTS OR FAILURE OF DAM DESCRIPTION REPORTS	None reported.
MAINTENANCE OPERATION RECORDS	No maintenance records kept for the dam.
SPILLWAY PLAN SECTIONS DETAILS	See Plate 4.
OPERATING EQUIPMENT PLANS AND DETAILS	See Plates 3 and 4.

CHECKLIST  
ENGINEERING DATA  
HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC

DRAINAGE AREA CHARACTERISTICS: Partly wooded and pastureland

ELEVATION, TOP OF NORMAL POOL AND STORAGE CAPACITY: 1402 (120 acre-feet)

ELEVATION, TOP OF FLOOD CONTROL POOL AND STORAGE CAPACITY: 1404.8 (164 acre-feet)

ELEVATION, MAXIMUM DESIGN POOL: 1406 (design top of dam)

ELEVATION, TOP OF DAM: 1404.8 (low spot)

SPILLWAY:

a. Elevation 1401, top of flashboard 1402

b. Type Sharp crested overflow section

c. Width 35 feet (perpendicular to flow direction)

d. Length 45 feet

e. Location Spillover Near left abutment

f. Number and Type of Gates None

OUTLET WORKS:

a. Type 12-inch corrugated metal pipe

b. Location Near center of dam, along original streambed

c. Entrance Inverts Unknown

d. Exit Inverts Unknown

e. Emergency Drawdown Facilities 12-inch-diameter corrugated metal pipe

HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL GAGES:

a. Type None

b. Location None

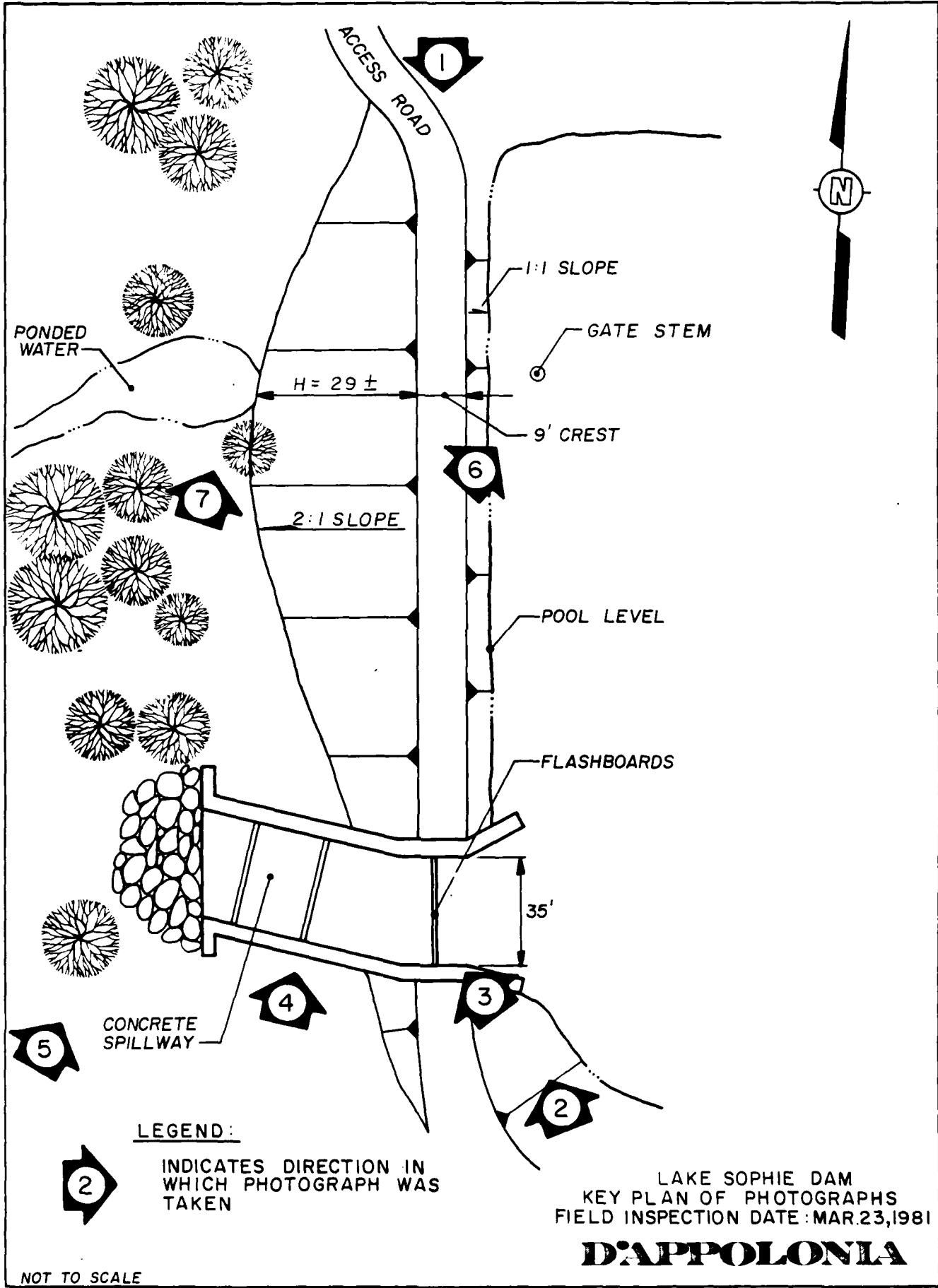
c. Records None

MAXIMUM NONDAMAGING DISCHARGE: 540 cfs existing spillway capacity

**APPENDIX C**  
**PHOTOGRAPHS**

LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS  
LAKE SOPHIA DAM  
NDI I.D. NO. PA-0078  
MARCH 23, 1981

<u>PHOTOGRAPH NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	Dam crest (looking south).
2	Dam crest (looking north).
3	Spillway overflow section, note steel plate flashboards.
4	Spillway wall.
5	Downstream slope of dam and spillway.
6	Gate stem.
7	Ponded water at toe of dam.
8	Houses approximately 1.4 miles downstream from dam.





PHOTOGRAPH NO. 2



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 3



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 4



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 1



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 6



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 8



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 5



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 7

**APPENDIX D**  
**HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULICS ANALYSES**

HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS  
DATA BASE

NAME OF DAM: Lake Sophia Dam

PROBABLE MAXIMUM PRECIPITATION (PMP) = 22.2 INCHES/24 HOURS

STATION	1	2	3	4	5
Station Description	Lake Sophia	Lake Sophia Dam			
Drainage Area (square miles)	1.47	-			
Cumulative Drainage Area (square miles)	1.47	1.47			
Adjustment of PMP for Drainage Area (%) (1)	94%				
6 Hours	117	-			
12 Hours	127	-			
24 Hours	136	-			
48 Hours	142	-			
72 Hours	145	-			
Snyder Hydrograph Parameters					
Zone (2)	IIA	-			
$C_p/C_t$ (3)	0.62/1.50	-			
$L$ (miles) (4)	1.65	-			
$L_{ca}$ (miles) (4)	0.51	-			
$t_p = C_t(L \cdot L_{ca})^{0.3}$ (hours)	1.42	-			
Spillway Data					
Crest Length (ft)	-	35.0			
Freeboard (ft)	-	2.8			
Discharge Coefficient	-	3.3			
Exponent	-	1.5			

(1) Hydrometeorological Report 40, U.S. Weather Bureau, 1965.

(2) Hydrological zone defined by Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, for determining Snyder's Coefficients ( $C_p$  and  $C_t$ ).

(3) Snyder's Coefficients.

(4)  $L$  = Length of longest water course from outlet to basin divide.

$L_{ca}$  = Length of water course from outlet to point opposite the centroid of drainage area.

STORAGE VS. ELEVATION

ELEVATION	$\Delta H$ , FEET	AREA (acres) (1)	$\Delta VOLUME$ (acre-feet) (2)	STORAGE (acre-feet)
1420.0		47.8		643.6
1402.0	18.0	13.8	524.0	119.6
1376.0	26.0	0	119.6	0

(1) Planimetered from USGS maps.

(2)  $\Delta Volume = \Delta H / 3 (A_1 + A_2 + \sqrt{A_1 A_2})$ .

FLOOD HYDROGRAPH PACKAGE (HEC-1)  
DAN SAFETY VERIFICATION JULY 1978  
LAST MODIFICATION (01 APR 81)

1 QOD HYDROGRAPH PACKAGE (HEC-1)  
 2 IN SAFETY VERSION JULY 1978  
 3 LAST MODIFICATION 01 APR 01  
 4  
 5 A1 SNYDER UNIT HYDROGRAPH, SPILLWAY, OVERTOPPING AND DAM BREACH ANALYSES  
 6 LAKE SOPHIA DAM, CEDER 58-1261, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PA. PROJECT NO. 80-556-19  
 7 FOR 15X.25X.50X.60X.80X, AND 100X PROBABLE MAXIMUM FLOOD (PMF)  
 8  
 9 K1 CALCULATION OF SNYDER INFLOW HYDROGRAPH TO LAKE SOPHIA DAM, CEDER 58-1261  
 10 H 1 1 1.47 1.47  
 11 P 20.9 117 136 142 145  
 12 I 1.42 0.62  
 13 X -1.5 -0.05 2.0  
 14 K 1 2  
 15 K1 ROUTING FLOW THROUGH LAKE SOPHIA DAM, CEDER 58-1261  
 16 Y 1  
 17 Y1 1  
 18 SA 0.0 13.8 47.8  
 19 SE 1376.0 1402.0 1420.0  
 20 21 SSI402.0 35.0 3.3 1.5  
 22 SD 140.8 2.65 1.5 45.0  
 23 SL 50.0 100.0 150.0 200.0 300.0 325.0 350.0 375.0 425.0 450.0  
 24 SY 1406.8 1404.9 1405.3 1405.4 1405.5 1405.6 1405.7 1405.8 1406.0 1406.5 1406.6  
 25 SB 200.0 2.0 1380.0 0.75 1402.0 1420.0  
 26 SP 200.0 2.0 1380.0 0.75 1402.0 1405.3  
 27 K 1 5  
 28 K1 CHANNEL ROUTING USING MODIFIED PULS: REACH 1 (STATION 0+00 TO 34+00)  
 29 Y 1  
 30 Y1 1  
 31 Y6 0.045 0.045 0.045 1260.0 1269.5 3400.0 0.0390  
 32 Y7 0.0 1300.0 80.0 1290.0 100.0 1290.0 200.0 1280.0 300.0 1260.0  
 33 Y7 310.0 1260.0 390.0 1280.0 450.0 1300.0  
 34 K 1 4  
 35 K1 CHANNEL ROUTING USING MODIFIED PULS: REACH 2 (STATION 34+00 TO 74+65)  
 36 Y 1  
 37 Y1 1  
 38 Y6 0.045 0.040 0.035 1090.0 1099.5 4065.0 0.0390  
 39 Y7 0.0 1120.0 50.0 1100.0 90.0 1095.0 91.0 1090.0 99.0 1090.0  
 40 Y7 100.0 1095.0 250.0 1100.0 1050.0 1120.0  
 41 K 99

COMPUTER INPUT  
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PEAK FLOW AND STORAGE (END OF PERIOD) SUMMARY FOR MULTIPLE PLAN-RATIO ECONOMIC COMPUTATIONS  
 FLOWS IN CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CUBIC METERS PER SECOND)  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES (SQUARE KILOMETERS)

OPERATION	STATION	AREA	PLAN	RATIOS APPLIED TO FLOWS			
				RATIO .15	RATIO .25	RATIO .50	RATIO .80
HYDROGRAPH AT	1	1.47	1	507.	978.	1956.	2347.
	( 3.81 )	( 16.61 )	( 27.69 )	( 55.38 )	( 66.45 )	( 86.60 )	( 110.75 )
	2	587.	978.	1956.	2347.	( 66.45 )	( 110.75 )
ROUTED TO	2	1.47	1	501.	923.	1932.	2319.
	( 3.81 )	( 14.18 )	( 26.13 )	( 54.70 )	( 65.67 )	( 87.55 )	( 109.50 )
	2	501.	5108.	6102.	5708.	5677.	5950.
ROUTED TO	3	1.47	1	501.	927.	1935.	2325.
	( 3.81 )	( 14.17 )	( 26.26 )	( 54.80 )	( 65.84 )	( 87.86 )	( 109.84 )
	2	501.	5662.	6541.	6166.	6168.	6416.
ROUTED TO	4	1.47	1	499.	922.	1928.	2318.
	( 3.81 )	( 14.12 )	( 26.10 )	( 54.60 )	( 65.63 )	( 87.84 )	( 109.91 )
	2	499.	5326.	6081.	5715.	5768.	6025.
	( 14.12 )	( 150.81 )	( 172.19 )	( 161.76 )	( 163.33 )	( 170.62 )	

## SUMMARY OF DAM SAFETY ANALYSIS

PLAN 1 .....

	ELEVATION STORAGE OUTFLOW	INITIAL VALUE 1402.00 120. 0.	MAXIMUM DEPTH OVER DAM	MAXIMUM STORAGE AC-FT	MAXIMUM OUTFLOW CFS	DURATION OVER TOP HOURS	TIME OF MAX OUTFLOW HOURS	TIME OF FAILURE HOURS
*1.5	1404.66	0.00	161.	501.	0.00	41.75	0.00	0.00
*2.5	1405.44	.64	175.	923.	3.00	61.25	0.00	0.00
*5.0	1406.14	1.34	189.	1932.	5.75	41.25	0.00	0.00
*6.0	1406.34	1.54	193.	2319.	5.75	41.25	0.00	0.00
*8.0	1406.68	1.88	200.	3092.	6.75	41.25	0.00	0.00
1.00	1406.97	2.17	206.	3867.	7.25	41.00	0.00	0.00

PLAN 2 .....

	ELEVATION STORAGE OUTFLOW	INITIAL VALUE 1402.00 120. 0.	MAXIMUM DEPTH OVER DAM	MAXIMUM STORAGE AC-FT	MAXIMUM OUTFLOW CFS	DURATION OVER TOP HOURS	TIME OF MAX OUTFLOW HOURS	TIME OF FAILURE HOURS
*1.5	1404.66	0.00	161.	501.	0.00	41.75	0.00	0.00
*2.5	1405.37	.57	174.	6970.	.93	41.38	41.00	41.00
*5.0	1405.52	.72	177.	7686.	1.19	40.38	40.00	40.00
*6.0	1405.59	.59	174.	7311.	.93	39.88	39.50	39.50
*8.0	1405.48	.68	176.	7389.	.94	39.38	39.00	39.00
1.00	1405.59	.79	178.	7646.	.96	39.13	38.75	38.75

OVERTOPPING AND DAM BREACH RESULTS  
LAKE SOPHIA DAM  
PLAN 1: OVERTOPPING ANALYSIS  
PLAN 2: DAM BREACH ANALYSIS

## PLAN 1 STATION 3

RATIO	MAXIMUM FLOW,CFS		MAXIMUM STAGE,FT		TIME HOURS
	1.15	501.	1262.5	41.75	
.25	927.	1263.4	41.50		
.50	1935.	1264.7	41.25		
.60	2325.	1265.1	41.25		
.80	3103.	1265.8	41.25		
1.00	3879.	1266.4	41.25		

## PLAN 2 STATION 3

RATIO	MAXIMUM FLOW,CFS		MAXIMUM STAGE,FT		TIME HOURS
	1.15	501.	1262.5	41.75	
.25	5662.	1267.6	41.50		
.50	6541.	1268.0	40.50		
.60	6166.	1267.8	40.00		
.80	6168.	1267.8	39.50		
1.00	6416.	1268.0	39.25		

## PLAN 1 STATION 4

RATIO	MAXIMUM FLOW,CFS		MAXIMUM STAGE,FT		TIME HOURS
	1.15	499.	1094.4	41.75	
.25	922.	1096.0	41.50		
.50	1928.	1097.2	41.25		
.60	2318.	1097.5	41.25		
.80	3102.	1097.9	41.25		
1.00	3881.	1098.3	41.25		

## PLAN 2 STATION 4

RATIO	MAXIMUM FLOW,CFS		MAXIMUM STAGE,FT		TIME HOURS
	1.15	499.	1094.4	41.75	
.25	5326.	1098.9	41.50		
.50	6081.	1099.1	40.50		
.60	5713.	1099.0	40.00		
.80	5768.	1099.0	39.50		
1.00	6025.	1099.1	39.25		

## DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL ROUTING RESULTS

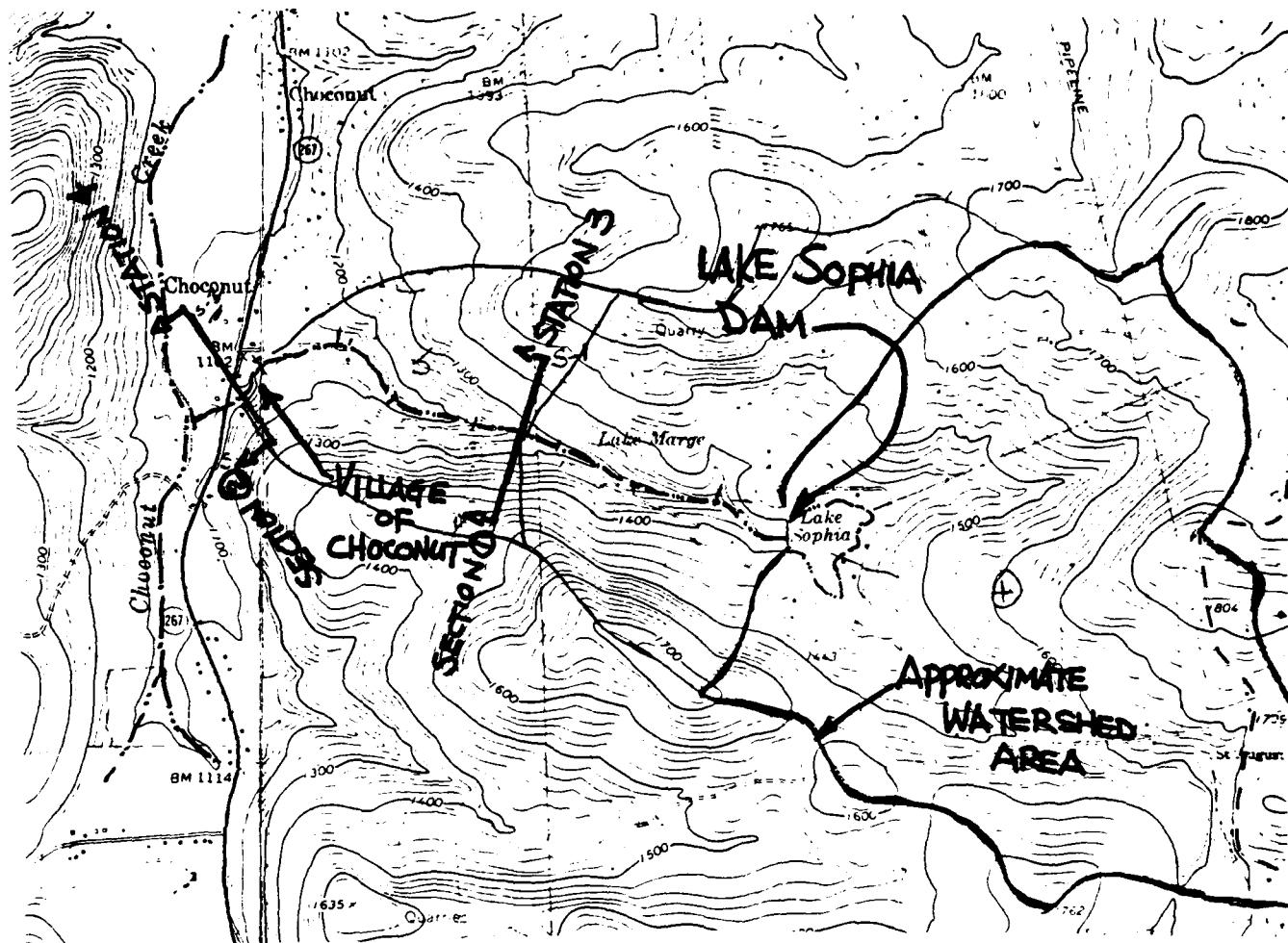
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PLAN 2: DUE TO DAM BREACH

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**PLAN**

SCALE  $1'' = 2000'$

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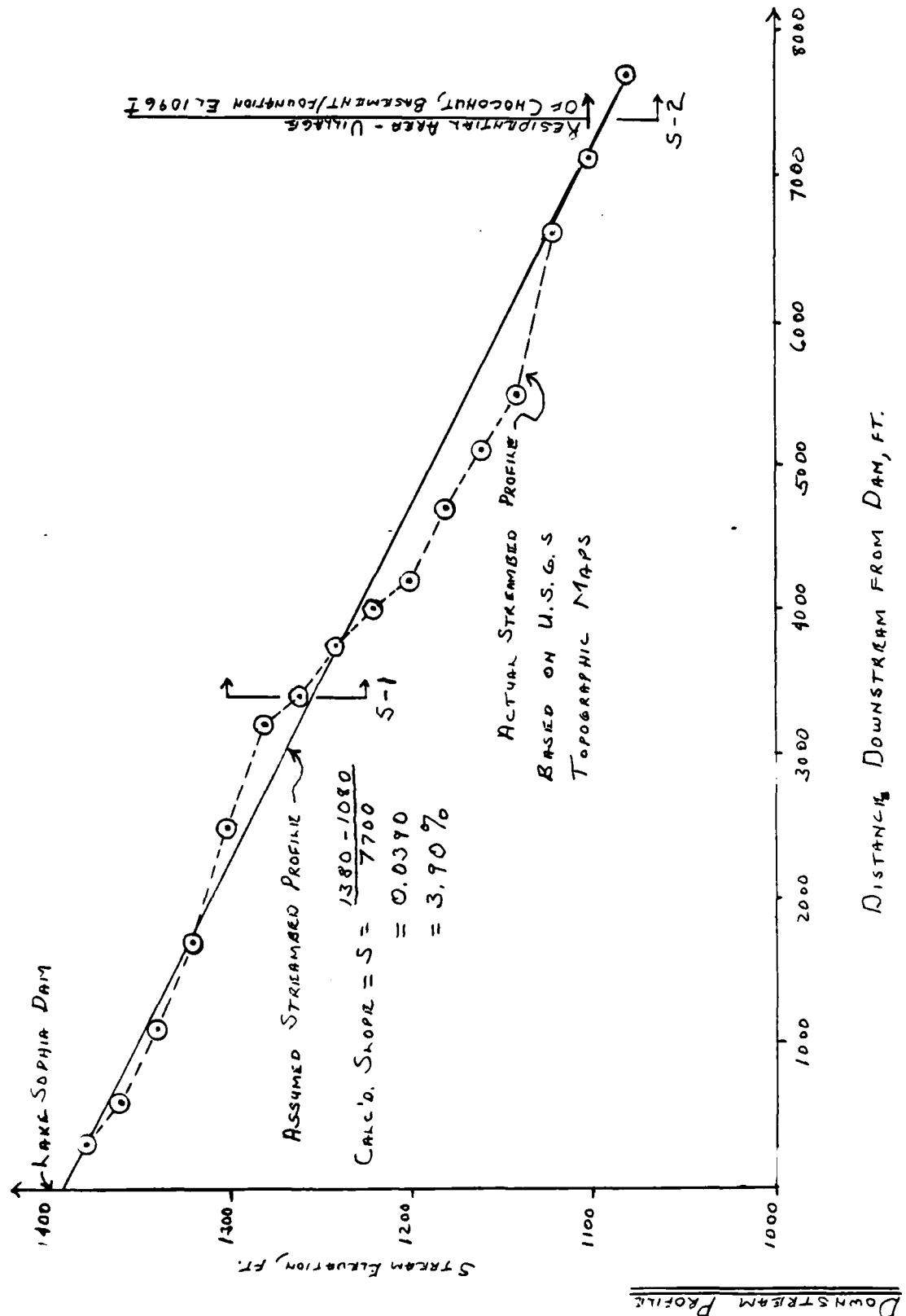
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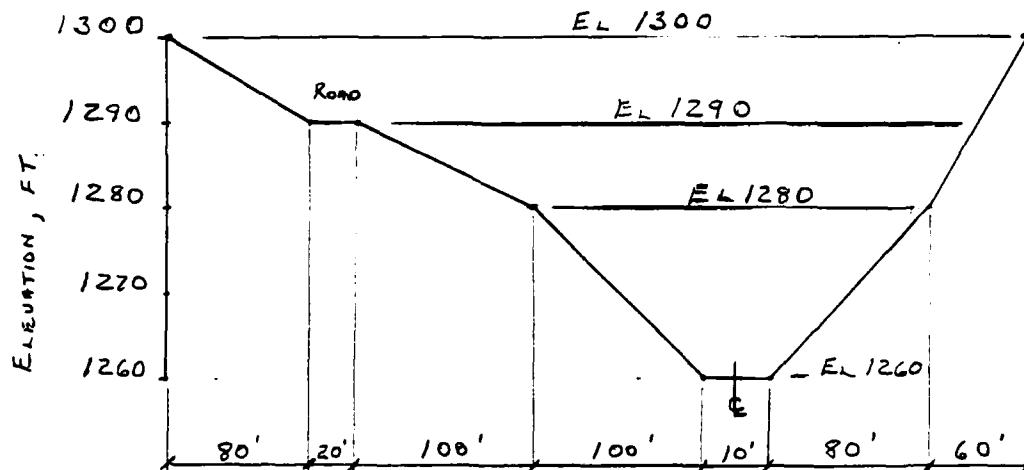


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(1)  
 SECTION 1 LOOKING DOWNSTREAM  
 REACH 1 : FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION 34+00



DISTANCE	ELEVATION	$L = 3400.0'$
0.0	1300.0	$S = 0.0390$
80.0	1290.0	
100.0	1290.0	
200.0	1280.0	
300.0	1260.0	
310.0	1260.0	ESTIMATED 10 FT. STREAM WIDTH
390.0	1280.0	
450.0	1300.0	

(1) REFERENCE: USGS MAP, 7.5 MINUTE SERIES, SCALE: 1" = 2000 FT

(1) FRIENDSVILLE QUADRANGLE, PA.-N.Y., PHOTOREVISED 1978

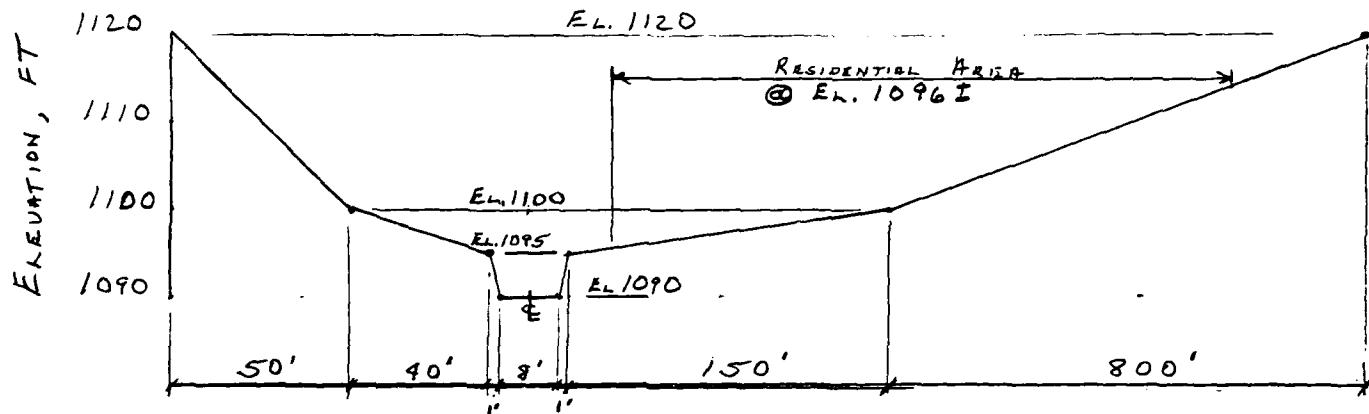
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SECTION 2 LOOKING DOWNSTREAM

REACH 2 : FROM STATION 34+00 TO STATION 74+65



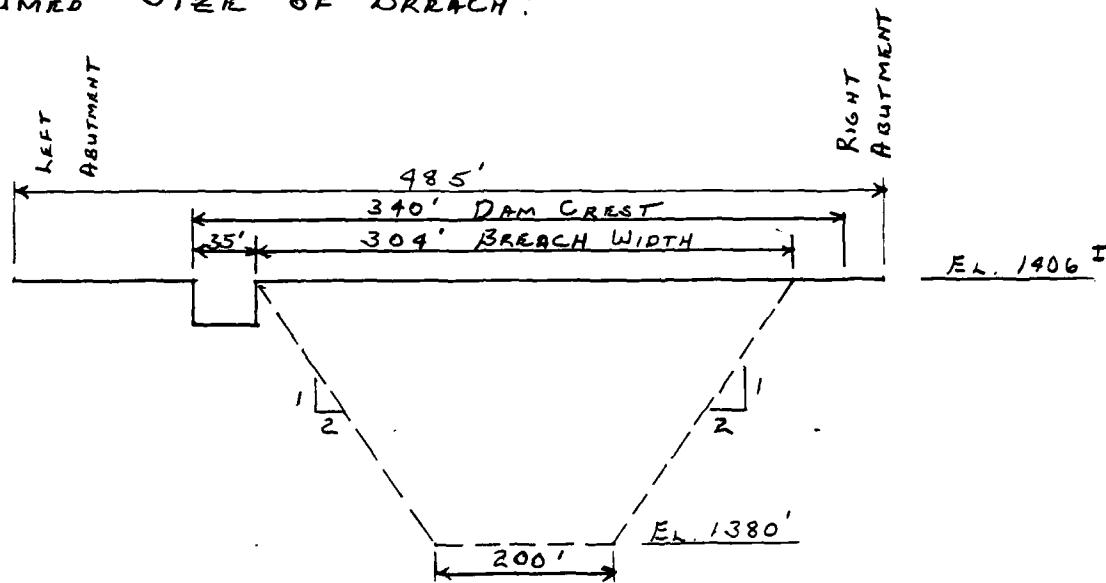
DISTANCE	ELEVATION	
0.0	1120.0	$L = 4065.0'$
50.0	1100.0	-
90.0	1095.0	$S = 0.0390$
91.0	1090.0	
99.0	1090.0	ESTIMATED 8' STREAM WIDTH
100.0	1095.0	
250.0	1100.0	
1050.0	1120.0	

# D'APPOLONIA

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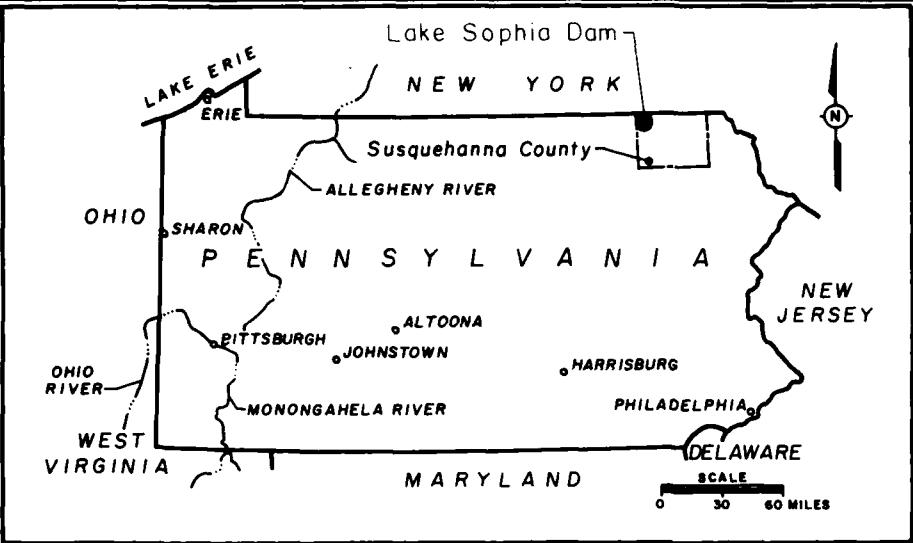
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TIME OF BREACH 0.75 HOURS

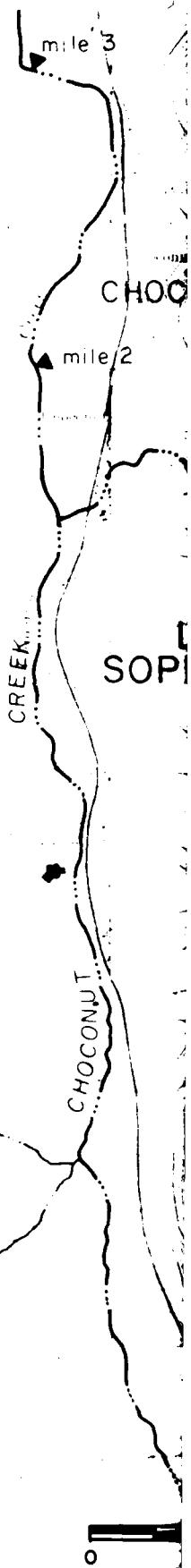
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**PLATES**

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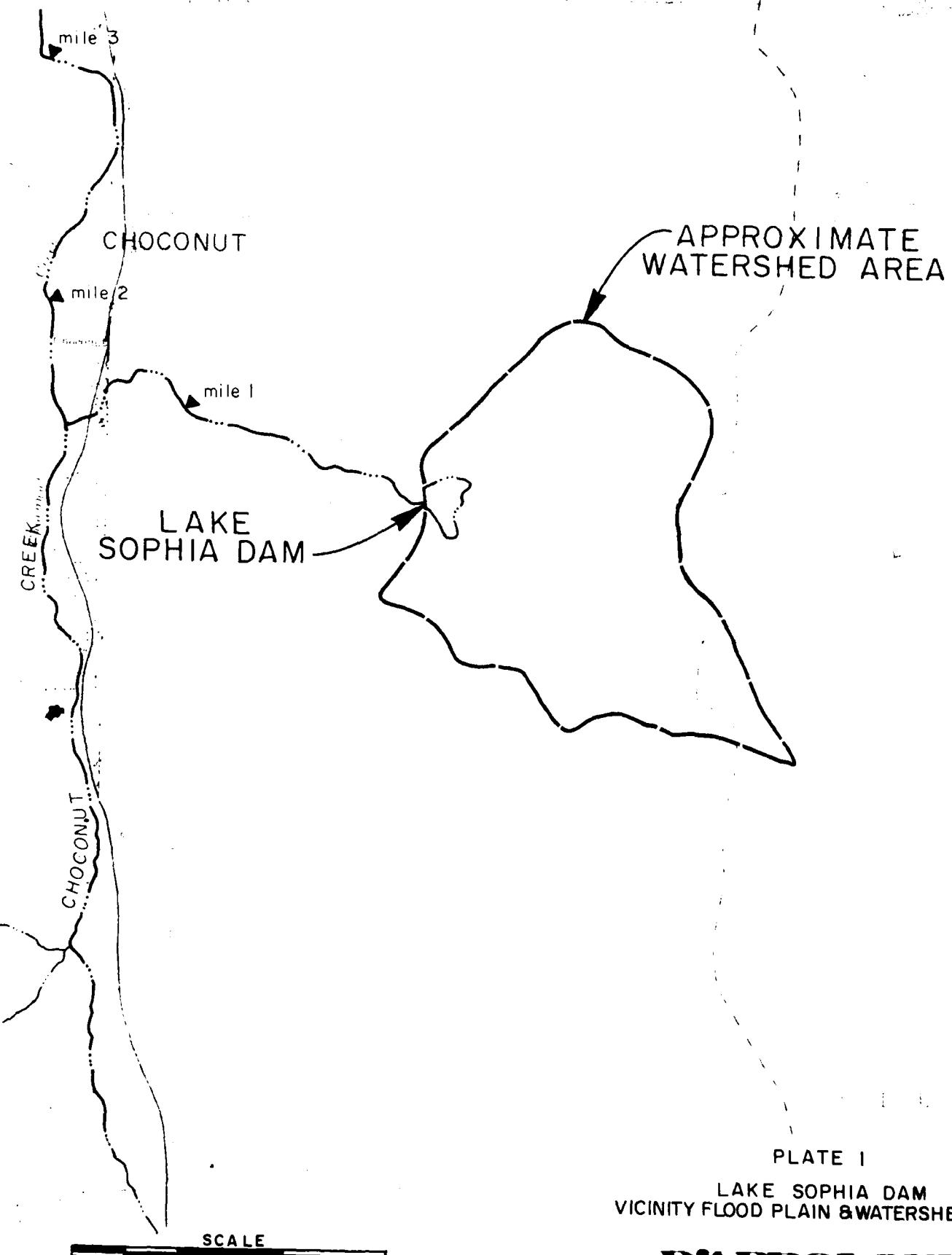
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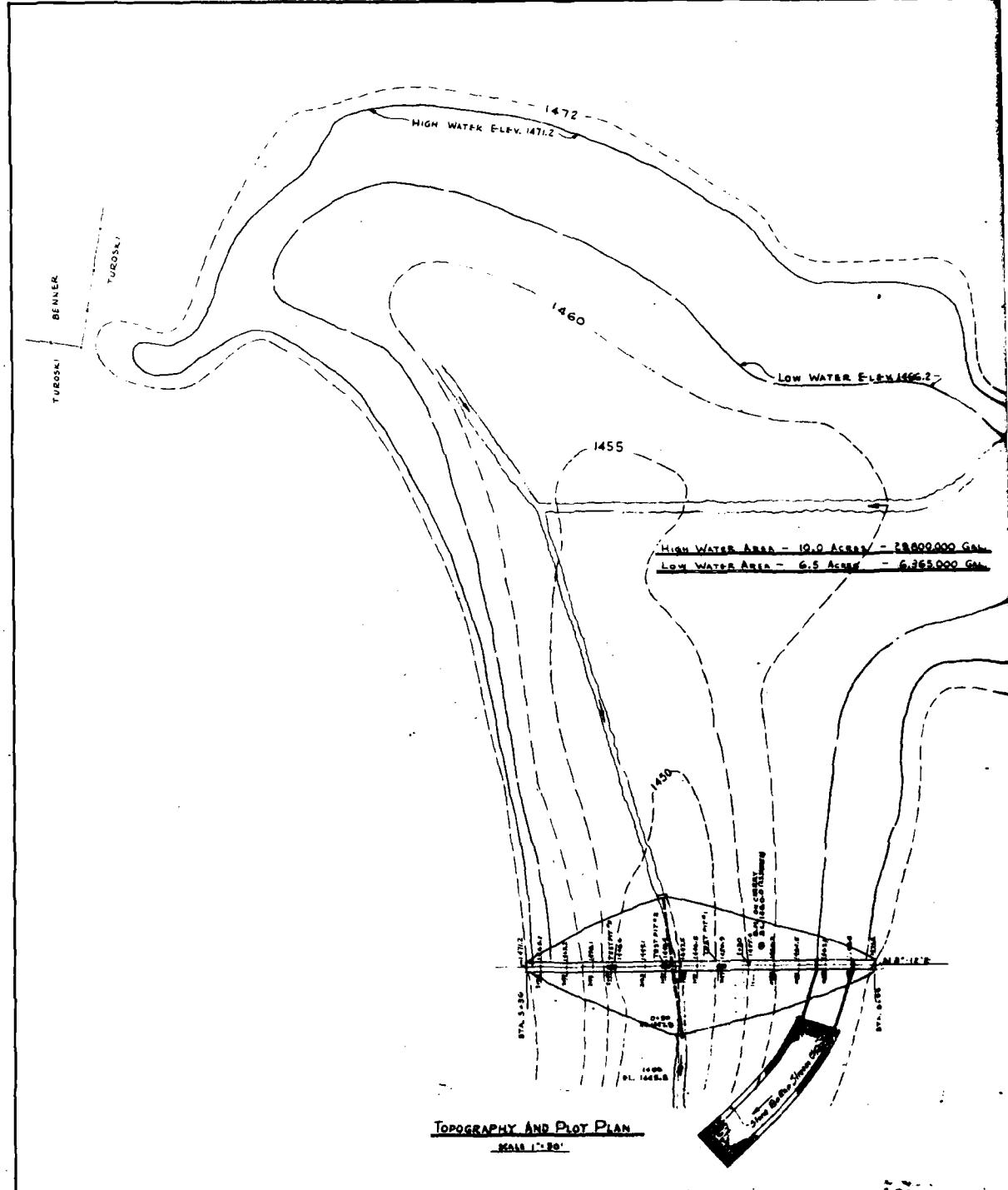
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1. USGS LAUREL LAKE, PA-NY QUADRANGLE PHOTOREVISED 1978, SCALE 1:24000
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Test Part Data

T.P. #1  
 SUB. - 20' SANDY LOAM  
 20-40' FINE SAND HARDPAN  
 CLAY MIXTURE  
 40-65' COARSE SAND, FINE SAND,  
 AND CLAY IN LAYERS  
 65' WATER BEARING  
 HARDPAN

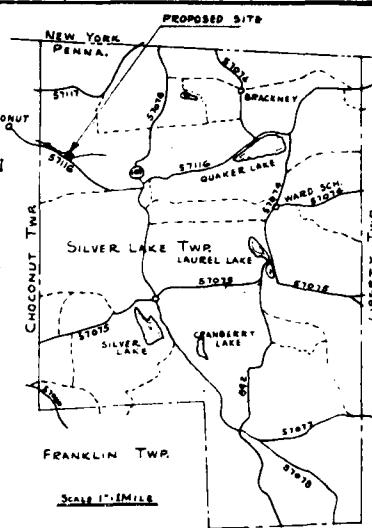
T. P. # 2.  
 SUR - 1.5' SANDY LOAM  
 LS - 2.5' CLAY FINE SAND MIXTURE  
 2.5 - 6.8 COARSE SAND, FINE SAND, &  
 6.8 - CLAY IN LAYERS - WATER BEARING  
 HARDPAN

T.P #3  
 SUR. - 15' SANDY LOAM  
 15' - 30' HARD PAN  
 30' - 60' FINE SAND, MEDIUM SAND &  
 60' CLAY IN LAYERS  
 HARD PAN

Low WATER ELEV 1465.2

Area - 19.0 Acres - 29,000,000 Gal.

- 1472

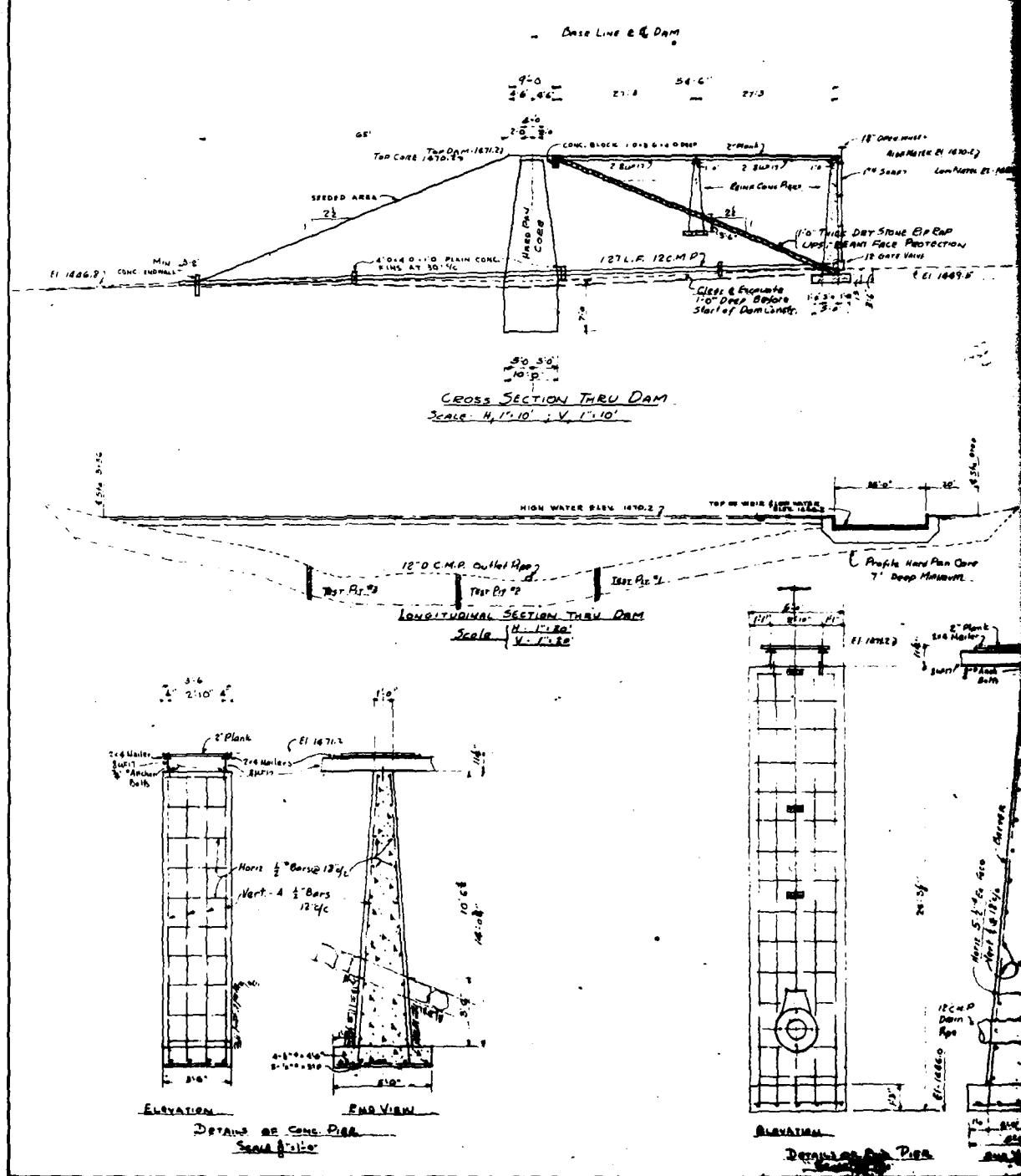


EARTH FILL DAM FOR		
FRANK TUROSKI - SILVER LAKE TWP - SUSQ CO., PA.		
TOPOGRAPHY & PLOT PLAN		
1-6-843	SCANDALY & 11-10C	518
8-17-87	CONTINUATION LIG. 11-10C	
	SECTION	
	PLAN	
	1	
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PLATE 2

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GENERAL NOTES & SPECIFICATIONS

- Cleaning & Grubbing: The area to be occupied by the Dam shall be cleared & grubbed, and all topsoil removed to the depth shown.
- The Fill with either in 6' layers and thoroughly compacted by means of either a three-wheel 10 ton Baller or a sheepfoot Baller satisfactory to the Engineer.
- The Hoop-on Cord will be constructed to Grade. Dimensions as shown.
- The concrete spillway will be constructed to size & dimensions as shown. The fill shall be compacted before excavation for the spillway, including the cut-off wall, is performed. The excavation shall be performed to neat lines & grades by means of hand tools and all portions of the concrete in contact with earth shell be constructed without forms.
- Concrete shall conform to the following -  $F_c = 3300 \text{ psi}$  at 28 days. All concrete shall be well-hydrated and the mix shall conform to the following tables:

Cement Factor	Max. Water	Max. Sand	MIS. of Aggr. per 94 lb. sack per 94 lb. Sack of Cement
6.5	per 94 lb. sack of Cement	per 94 lb. sack of Cement	Sand Aggregate
6.2			

<u>Factor</u>	<u>per 96 lbs. sack per C.Y. of Concrete</u>	<u>per 96 lbs. of Cement</u>	<u>of Course Aggregate</u>	<u>96 lbs. of Cement, Sand &amp; Gravel Aggregate</u>
6.5	5.7	1 inch	200 lbs.	260 lbs.
6.2	5.7	1&1/2 inch	195 lbs.	300 lbs.
5.8	5.7	2 inch	195 lbs.	345 lbs.

All concrete shall be cured with saturated burlap for 3 days. Concrete shall be protected from freezing by means of straw or other approved means.

5. The upstream face of the dam shall be protected by a dry stone rip rap. The stone shall have a maximum size of 18 inches and shall be placed. After the stone is placed, the interstices shall be filled with sand.
6. The downstream face shall be seeded and a 6 inch blanket of straw or hay shall be placed over all seeded portions.
7. Exposed edges of all concrete must be chamfered to 1".

1. Exposed edges of all corners must be chamfered as shown.

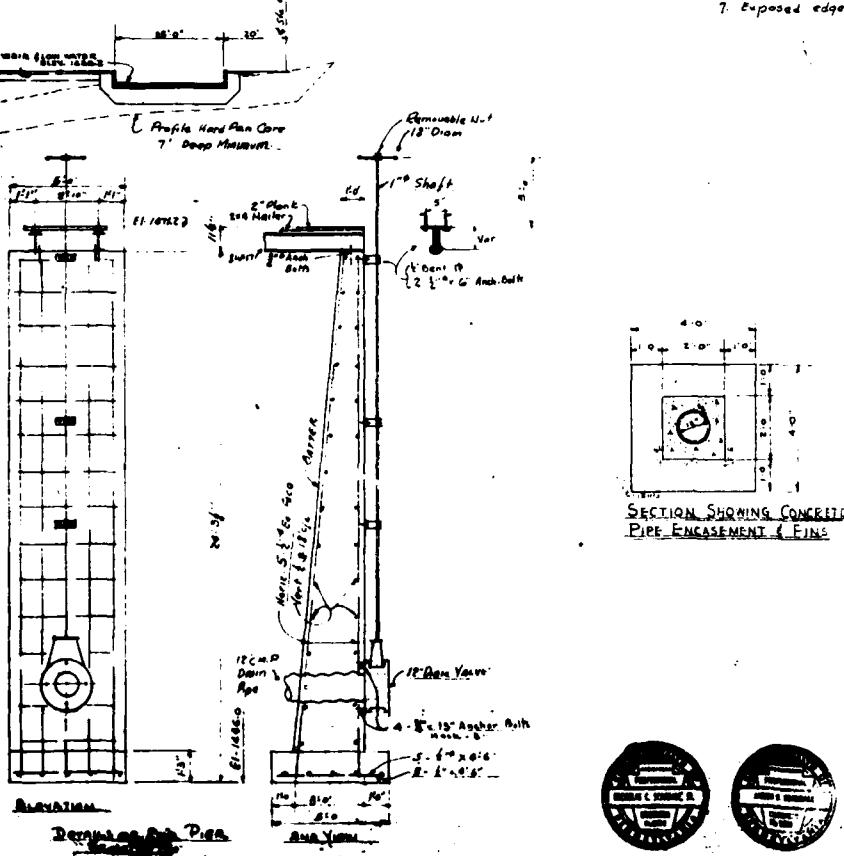
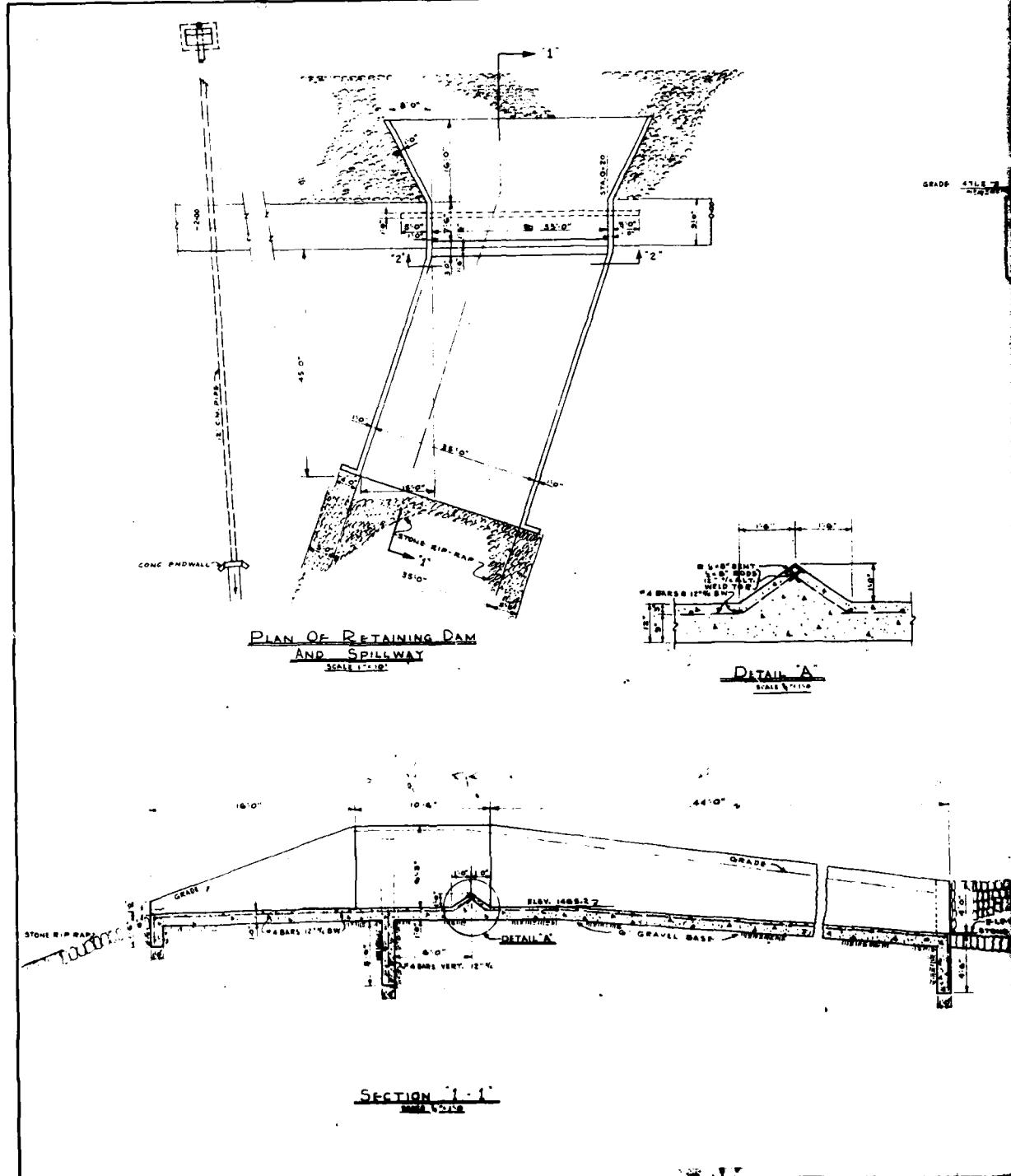
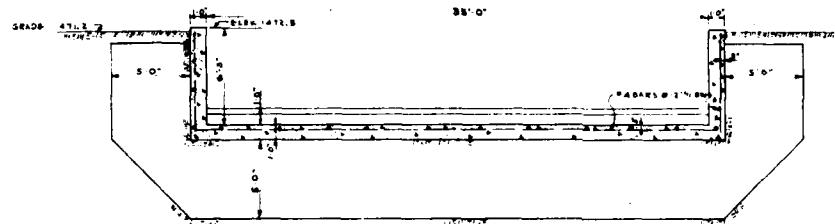


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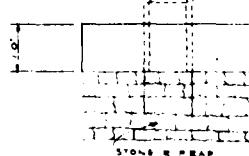
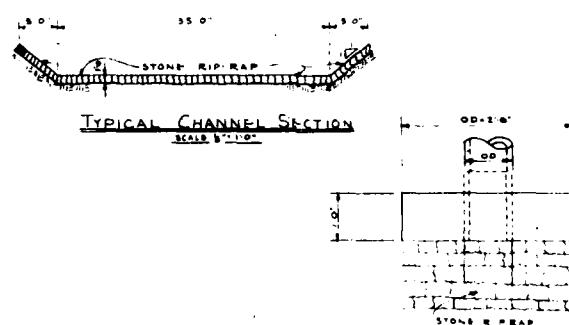
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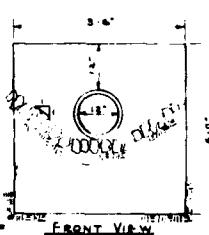




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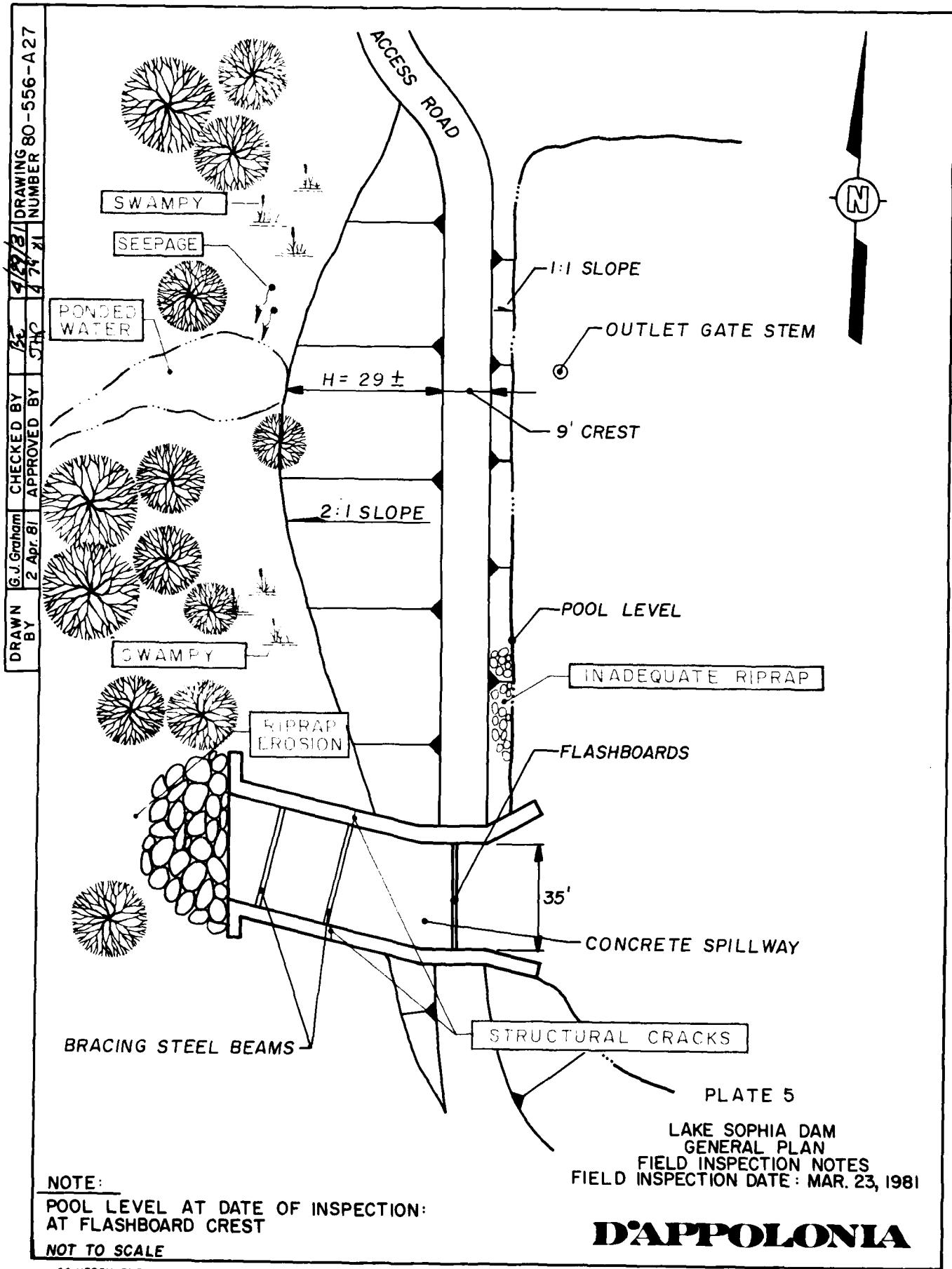
PLAIN CONCRETE END WALL  
GRANITE BLOCK



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PLAN, SECTION & DETAIL	
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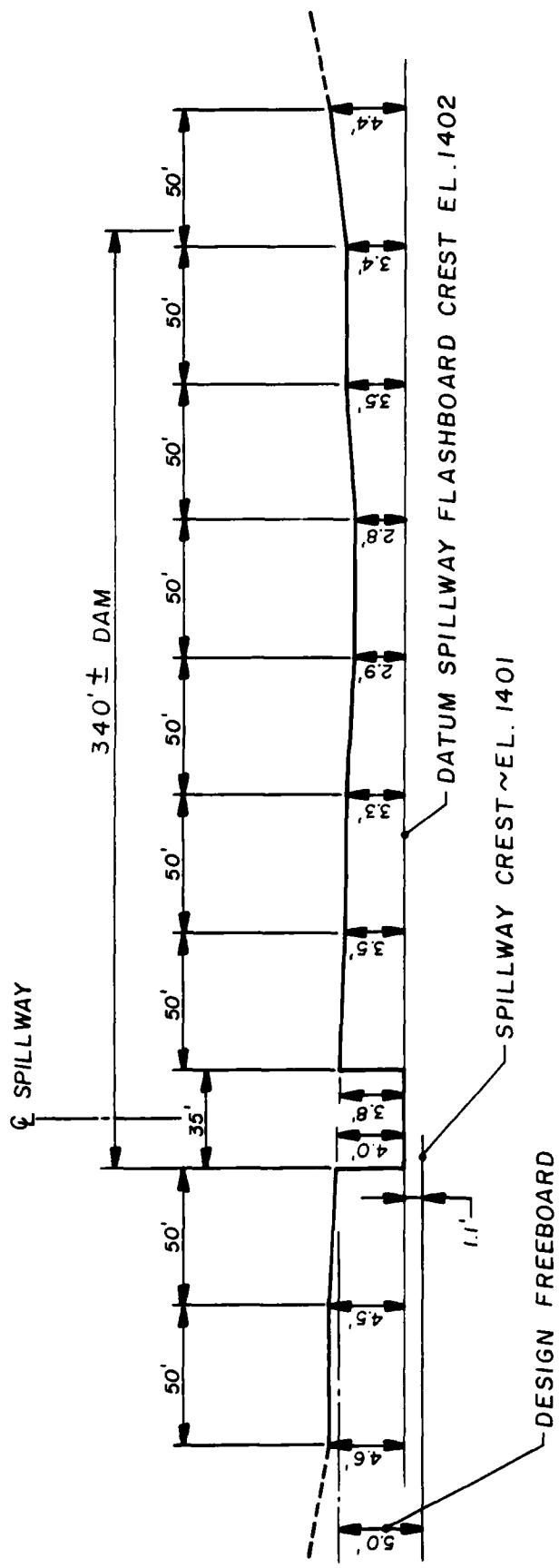
PLATE 4

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DAM CREST PROFILE  
(LOOKING DOWNSTREAM)

NOTES:

1. DAM CREST WAS SURVEYED RELATIVE TO SPILLWAY FLASHBOARD CREST LEVEL
2. DATUM ELEVATION WAS INTERPOLATED FROM U.S.G.S. MAP; THEREFORE IS APPROXIMATE.

PLATE 6  
LAKE SOPHIA DAM  
DAM CREST SURVEY  
FIELD INSPECTION DATE: MAR. 23, 1981

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**APPENDIX F**  
**REGIONAL GEOLOGY**

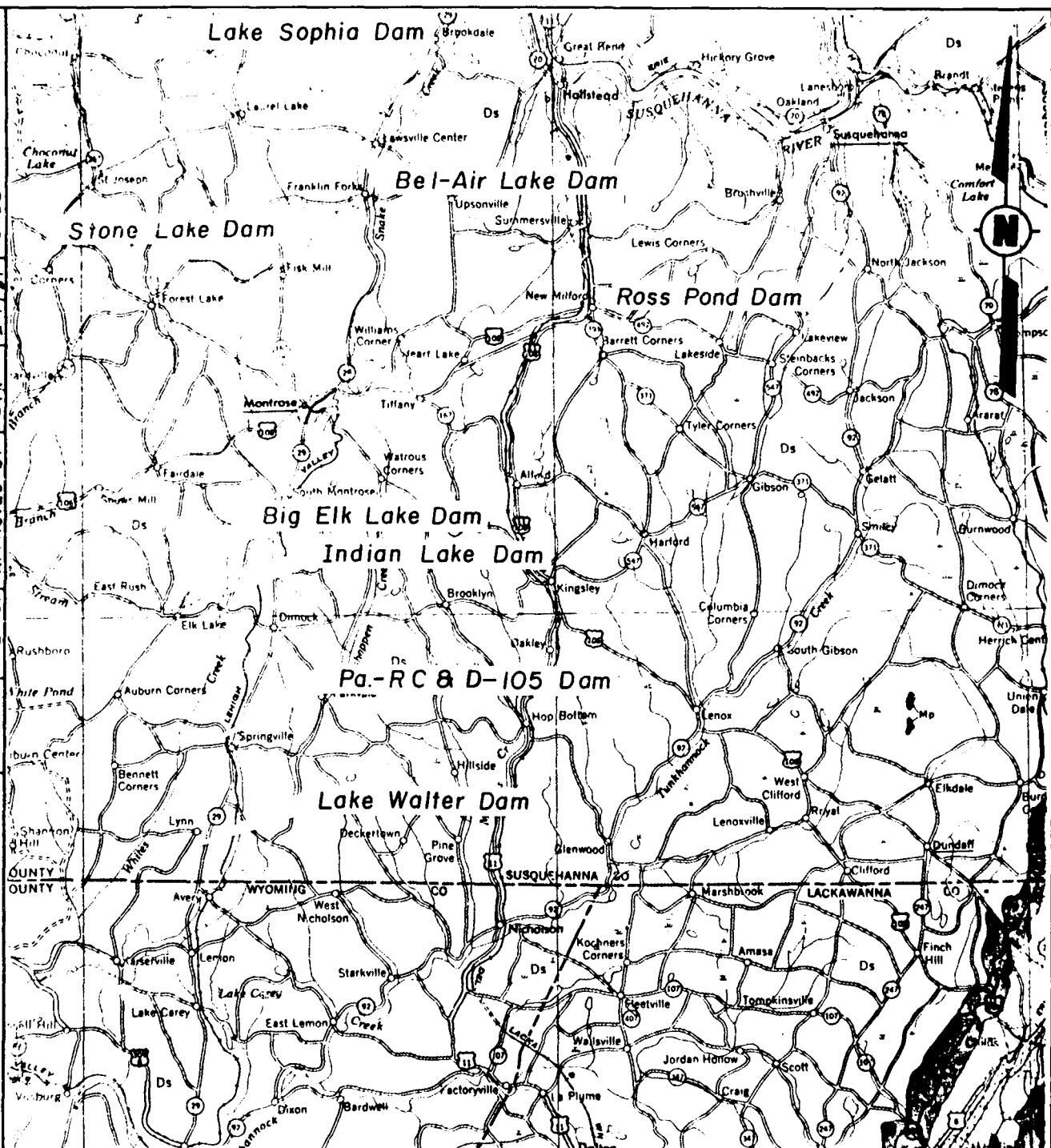
REGIONAL GEOLOGY  
LAKE SOPHIA DAM

The Lake Sophia Dam is located in the glaciated low plateaus section of the Appalachian Plateau physiographic province, characterized as a mature glaciated plateau of moderate relief.

The geologic structure consists of a series of northeast trending folds (approximately N70°E) which plunge gently to the southwest. The dip of the limbs of the folds in the vicinity of the Lake Sophia Dam is less than two degrees, with the southeast limb slightly steeper than the northwest limb. The dam is located north of the Rome Anticline. In general, the discontinuity trends are northeast and northwest.

The stratigraphy consists of glacial till which will range in thickness from very thin to approximately 200 feet. The glacial till is underlain by the Devonian Catskill Formation, which is approximately 1,800 feet thick in this area. The Catskill Formation is continental in origin, consisting of red shale and cross-bedded red and green sandstone and siltstone. The shale strata tend to weather rapidly when exposed.

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**SCALE**

0 2 4 6 8 10 miles

## GEOLOGY MAP

## REFERENCE

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## PENNSYLVANIAN APPALACHIAN PLATEAU



### Allegheny Group

Cyclic sequences of sandstone, shale, limestone and coal; numerous commercial coals, limestones thicker westward. Vanport Limestone in lower part of section includes Freeport, Kittanning, and Clarion Formations.



### Pottsville Group

Predominantly sandstones and conglomerates with thin shales and coals; some coal mineable locally.

## ANTHRACITE REGION



### Post-Pottsville Formations

Brown or gray sandstones and shales with some conglomerate and numerous mineable coals.



### Pottsville Group

Light gray to white, coarse grained sandstones and conglomerates with some mineable coal; includes Sharp, Mountain, Schuylkill, and Tumbling Run Formations.

## MISSISSIPPIAN



### Mauch Chunk Formation

Red shales with brown to greenish gray flinty sandstones; includes Greenbank Limestone in Fayette, Westmoreland, and Somerset counties, Logattonna Limestone at the base in southwestern Pennsylvania.



### Pocono Group

Predominantly gray, hard, massive, cross-bedded conglomerate and sandstone with some shale; includes in the Appalachian Plateau, Burgoo, Shenango, Cuyahoga, Cussewago, Corry, and Knapp Formations; includes part of "Onwayo" of M. L. Fuller in Potter and Tioga counties.

## DEVONIAN

### UPPER

## CENTRAL AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA



### Oswayo Formation

Brownish and greenish gray, fine and medium grained sandstones with some shales and scattered calcareous lenses; includes red shales which become more numerous eastward. Relation to type Onwayo not proved.



### Catskill Formation

Chiefly red to brownish shales and sandstones; includes gray and greenish sandstone tongues named Elk Mountain, Homedale, Shokola, and Delaware River in the east.



### Marine beds

Gray to olive brown shales, graywackes, and sandstones; contains "Chemung" beds and "Portage" beds including Bucket, Brasher, Harrell, and Trimmers Rock; Tully Limestone at base.



### Susquehanna Group

Barbed line is "Chemung-Catskill" contact of Second Pennsylvania Survey. County reports barbs on "Chemung" side of line.

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